

HOUSE RESOLUTION 168

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Carmen Burnette.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Carmen Burnette; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Burnette was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on November 12, 1972, Carmen Burnette was deeply passionate about serving others, eventually deciding to pursue a career in the health care industry; and

WHEREAS, becoming an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) in 1998 and earning her Paramedic License in 2000, Mrs. Burnette was quickly selected as one of the first field training officers with Putnam County Emergency Medical Services; and

WHEREAS, she served with purpose and conviction for nine years as the Putnam County Emergency Medical Services Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Coordinator, in which position she earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike due to the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, always going above and beyond the call of duty, this highly skilled health care professional expertly scheduled CPR and automated external defibrillator (AED) training for county employees, local church groups, Boy State participants, and students at the County's high schools;

WHEREAS, under her astute leadership, more than 13,000 residents of Putnam County were trained in the life-saving skills of CPR and AED; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Mrs. Burnette was a five time recipient of the Putnam County EMS Lifesaver Award and the Tennessee EMS Star of Life

Award and received a District IV Homeland Security Award in 2009 for “exemplifying the highest standards of a first responder”; and

WHEREAS, as a testament to her enduring legacy of community service, friends and family have established the Carmen Burnette CPR Education Fund, which promotes the education and empowerment of everyday heroes by providing laypersons with CPR training completely free of charge; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Burnette was deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Carmen Burnette treasured seventeen years of marital bliss with her husband, Mike, and she was the proud mother of Brandon and Connor and loving step-mother of Rachel; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Burnette leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Carmen Burnette, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Burnette.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.